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Unemployment Insurance System Modernization Underway *Board of Examiners approves contract with system vendor*

Las Vegas, NV – The Nevada Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation (DETR) is pleased to announce that the Board of Examiners granted the green light to implement and start building DETR's new and modernized Unemployment Insurance system. The modernization aims to make the process of filing for unemployment easier for Nevadans.

It is projected to take up to four years to complete all elements of the new system. The front and back end of the UI website will operate more efficiently and will be more accessible to staff and users. The new system will collect unemployment taxes, pay out benefits to eligible claimants, and handle appeals. It is also designed to handle tough economic times, prevent fraud, and implement new benefit programs quickly.

The funds for the project totaling 72 million dollars come from the federal government's ARPA grant and have been approved for distribution by the legislature.

"The UI Modernization project kicking off soon is going to be a huge leap forward. This will make it significantly easier for eligible Nevadans to get paid the benefits they need. It will be a boost for businesses to track payments and claims. And it will make this work easier for staff," said DETR Director, Elisa Cafferata.

FAST has worked on several states' Unemployment and Tax software systems in the last 12 years and was selected to be the vendor for the UI Modernization Project. To make sure all the teams are working together and meeting deadlines, DETR has also hired CSG, a project management consultant.

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ABOUT DETR:

The Department of Employment, Training & Rehabilitation (DETR) is the state's lead workforce development agency. It consists of divisions that offer workforce related services, job placement and training, services for people with disabilities, investigation of claims of discrimination, unemployment insurance benefits, labor market data and more. Many of these services are provided through EmployNV Career and Business Hubs and in cooperation with its community partners.